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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 266, dated 9th December 1902:—

The Hon'ble Mr. J. N. Atkinson, I.C.S.

Read—the following letter from M.R.Ry M. Tirumalai Pillai Avergal, B.A., Deputy Collector on Special Duty, Periyár, to the Collector of Madura, dated 30th October 1902. Dis. No. 283-R.:—

I have the honour to submit my progress report for the quarter ending 30th September 1902.

2. *Sub-division of survey fields.*—Twenty-six thousand three hundred and twenty-six sub-divisions were shown as pending measurement at the end of the previous quarter. Adding to them roughly 10,000 sub-divisions that may have to be made for new channels, cross roads, tank-beds, &c., the total number may be taken as 36,326. Of these 3,567 sub divisions were measured during the quarter under report against 3,518 in the previous quarter. The total number of sub-divisions that have been completed up to the quarter is 24,727 and the number that still remains to be measured is 32,759 in both the taluks. The records of sub-divisions already made have to be compared and completed after adjustment of their areas and the work cannot be done by the existing staff of surveyors without prejudice to their field work. As already stated in my report for the previous quarter, I addressed the Assistant Superintendent of Survey on the subject and submitted proposals for the entertainment of three more good field surveyors qualified also as computer draftsmen for completion of sub-division survey records. But you have remarked that as six months of the official year are already over there is no use of making any application now for additional hands for this year and directed me to renew my application in February next in your D. Dis. No. 2868, Rev. of 1902, dated 19th instant.

The Government in sanctioning the proposals of the Collector supported by the Board of Revenue for the retention of the existing survey establishment has remarked that the sub-divisions of survey fields made in the Periyár tract have not been demarcated with stones permanently and durably and I have been called upon to submit the necessary proposals for permanently demarcating all sub-divisions recorded and to be recorded (*vide* your Reference on Current No. 647 B and G, dated 1st October 1902). I have addressed the Assistant Superintendent of Madras Survey on the subject and shall submit the necessary proposals on the receipt of his reply.

With reference to your remarks on my last progress report I have explained in my Dis. No. 256 R., dated 7th October 1902, that I have devoted much personal attention to this branch of additional work assigned to me in December last and that considering the nature of sub-divisions to be made which are not contiguous or large as in a general survey or resurvey, but scattered in each village in two taluks, the outturn of the establishment is satisfactory.

3. *Disposal of applications for loans.*—During the quarter under report, 171 applications involving an amount of Rs. 43,960 were received and the total number of applications that had to be disposed of during the quarter under report including those that were pending at the end of the previous quarter was 286 involving an amount of Rs. 73,415. Of these, thirty-seven applications involving an amount of Rs. 8,300 were rejected for various reasons and 146 applications involving an amount of Rs. 32,430 were accepted during the quarter under report leaving a balance of 103 applications involving an amount of Rs. 28,900 exclusive of the sum of Rs. 3,785 being the reduction in the amount applied for. Including the cases that awaited payment at the end of the previous quarter, the number of applications on which advances were made during the quarter was 233 and the total amount advanced including the payment of second instalment was Rs. 33,726-8-0 against Rs. 22,277-8-0 in the previous quarter. The allotment for the year is Rs. 1,00,800 and the expenditure for the last six months was Rs. 56,004 or 55·55 per cent. against Rs. 25,643 and Rs. 44,265 for the corresponding periods of 1900 and 1901 or 23·75 and 32·24 per cent. respectively. The several officers with whom the above 103 applications were pending are noted below :—

With whom pending.	One month and under.	More than one month and less than three months	More than three months and less than six months.	More than six months.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Special Revenue Inspectors	18	33	3	..	54
Public Works Department	5	3	..	..	8
Registration Department	31	8	1	..	40
Tahsildar of Madura	..	1	..	..	1
Total ..	54	45	4	..	103

Thirty-five applications including those shown in column 4 have since been disposed of. Prompt steps have been taken to dispose of the rest.

4. *Laying out of distributaries.*—During the quarter under report, requisitions from the Public Works Department for the acquisition of lands for 28 distributaries and field channels were received, and the total number of requisitions that had to be complied with during the quarter including those that were pending at the end of the previous quarter was 46. Out of these, lands were measured by the Special Revenue Inspectors and draft declarations submitted to Government for publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette* in 32 cases. The total extent measured by the Special Revenue Inspectors during the quarter was 27·80125 acres against 43·38 acres in the previous quarter. Out of the remaining 14 applications, one case shown as pending for more than three months has been returned to the Executive Engineer as the lands had already been acquired and the remaining 13 have since been disposed of. Of the 32 cases in which draft declarations were submitted to Government, 26 have been published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, and lands covered by 18 applications were handed over to the Public Works Department during the quarter under report, and the lands covered by the remaining applications will be transferred shortly after the notice given under section 9 is returned. The duration of pendency of the 14 applications is as shown in the margin. The amount of compensation paid during the quarter was Rs. 6,570-3-3 against Rs. 920-11-2 in the previous quarter. I have reported in my Dis. No. 256 R., dated 7th October 1902, that there is no delay in the settlement or payment of compensation. I beg to compare below the work under this item for 1900, 1901 and the nine months of 1902.

One month and less	8
More than one month and less than three months	5
More than three months and less than six months	1
Total ...	14

Year.	Extent taken up in acres.	Number of cases.	Amount paid excluding the cases in which exchange of land was given.
			RS. A. P.
Twelve months of 1900	45·25	318	4,088 5 9
" " of 1901	48·495	658	4,154 13 9
Nine months of 1902	128·1825	1,416	8,866 2 9

5. *Sales of waste lands.*—There was no sale of waste lands during the quarter under report. As regards the sales of tank-bed lands, I beg to submit that the information called for by the Board regarding the disposal of tank-bed lands on darkhast and referred to me in your Reference on Current No. 634 Genl. of 1902, dated 22nd July last, was furnished in my Dis. No. 203 R., dated 3rd August 1902, and that final orders thereon are awaited.

6. *Whole inam and zemin tanks and dry lands supplied with Periyár water.*—During the quarter under report, 106 applications for Periyár water to whole inam and zemin tanks were received and complied with; 569 applications for Inam dry lands were also received, of which permission was given in 363 cases, as the lands covered by them were certified by the Public Works Department to be drainage-affected. The remaining 206 applications were rejected.

7. The Peranai suit which was to come up for trial at the end of this month has been adjourned to 3rd December next on the application of the plaintiffs.

8. As regards the work of cross roads, I beg to submit that the Board's telegram, dated 31st July 1902, directing me to stop forthwith further work on improvement of roads was communicated to me on the 1st August in your Reference on Current No. 803 B and G of 1902, and all execution of work was stopped and the establishment has been transferred to the Taluk Board.

I have submitted in my Dis. No. 256 R., dated 7th October 1902, that my work under this head was not meagre but satisfactory. Two Revenue Inspectors called Overseers were working under me. Three Inspectors for some time and two Inspectors to the end were working under the Railway Deputy Collector for nearly two years. The latter have done acquisition work alone for 40 or 50 miles of railway in about 40 or 50 villages, while my two men have done about 70 miles in 124 villages. They have in addition to this, done alignment and demarcation for 77 and 75 miles respectively. They have completed earthwork and masonry work for 20 miles. They induced the ryots to part with their lands for roads for a nominal or low compensation. The original estimate of the District Board for compensation was Rs. 70,000 while the actuals are below Rs. 10,000 and what remains may not cost more than a few thousands. They have also induced many villagers to pay a contribution for the making of roads and many to promise in writing large sums nearly Rs. 5,000.

9. In conclusion, I respectfully beg to submit that my work under each item is satisfactory and heavier in these nine months than in previous years.

Endorsement by A. G. CARDEW, Esq., Collector of Madura, dated 11th November 1902, R. on C. No. 463-Pedl.

Submitted to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, Madras.

Paragraph 2 of the Special Deputy Collector's report.—Out of 36,326 sub-divisions pending at the beginning of the quarter (including roughly 10,000 sub-divisions that may have to be made for new channels) 3,567 sub-divisions were measured during the quarter against 3,518 in the previous quarter leaving a balance of 32,759 sub-divisions at the close of the quarter.

2. In his Dis. No. 256, dated 7th October 1902, quoted in paragraph 2 of the above report, the Special Deputy Collector states that the work of sub-divisions was transferred to him about the beginning of this year and that he is carrying out the work under the general supervision and instructions of the Assistant Superintendent of Revenue Survey who had commenced it. He states, further, that while the work was under the direct charge of the Assistant Superintendent of Revenue Survey, only 15,000 sub-divisions were made by 5 surveyors in 21 months giving an average of 144 sub-divisions per surveyor per month and that during 9 months, in which the work has been under his (Special Deputy Collector's) supervision 9,401 sub-divisions have been done by 7 surveyors giving an average of 150 per surveyor. The Assistant Superintendent of Revenue Survey has been requested to report as to the accuracy of the Special Deputy Collector's statement.

3. As for the additional surveyors required, he has been informed that he may include them in the application to be submitted in February next for the retention of the establishment for the ensuing official year.

4. *Paragraph* 3 *of the Special Deputy Collector's report.*—The total number of applications pending during the quarter was 286 involving a sum of Rs. 73,415 (including 115 applications which were pending at the beginning of the quarter). Of these, 183 applications involving Rs. 40,730 were disposed of against 109 applications involving Rs. 23,390 in the previous quarter, leaving a balance of 103 applications at the close of the quarter. The disposals during the quarter show a considerable improvement. Of the 103 pending applications, 54 are pending with the Special Revenue Inspectors and 40 with the Registration Department. The Special Deputy Collector will be requested to see that the applications pending with the Special Revenue Inspectors are disposed of promptly and also to address the District Registrar in view to the applications pending in his department being speedily disposed of. The arrears, collection and balance of loans are reported by the Special Deputy Collector in his progress report for September are shown below :—

—	Principal.			Interest.		
	Arrear.	Collection.	Balance.	Arrear.	Collection.	Balance.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Fasli 1310	20,961	20,427	534	8,152	7,925	227
,, 1311	31,908	18,662	13,246	9,474	6,365	3,109

The Special Deputy Collector will be requested to see to the prompt realisation of these arrears.

5. *Paragraph* 4 *of the Special Deputy Collector's report.*—The statement showing the number of cases received for settlement of compensation and disposed of from July 1900 up to 30th June 1902 furnished by the Special Deputy Collector, Periyár, is enclosed. During the two years ending with 30th June 1902, 1,364 cases were received for settlement of compensation, of which 1,005 cases were disposed of during the period, leaving 359 cases pending on the 30th June 1902. During the quarter under review draft declarations were submitted in 32 cases; 27·80125 acres were measured by the Special Revenue Inspectors against 43·38 acres in the previous quarter and Rs. 6,570–5–3 were disbursed on account of compensation against Rupees 920–11–2 in the last quarter. Fourteen applications were pending at the end of the quarter, which have since been disposed of.

Paragraph 5 *of the Special Deputy Collector's report.*—Board's reference No. 3809, Mis., dated 4th July 1902, regarding the sale of tank-bed lands will be replied to as soon as final orders are received on this office Ref. on Cur. No. 432-B. and G./Confidential, dated 26th August 1902, in regard to the extension of Periyár irrigation to inam and zamin lands.

Paragraph 7 *of the Special Deputy Collector's report.*—The Peranai suit, which was posted to 3rd December 1902 is now adjourned to 21st January 1903.

Enclosure.

Statement showing the number of cases for settlement of compensation in the Special Deputy Collector's office from 1st July 1900 up to 30th June 1902.

Number of cases for settlement.	Number of cases settled and paid.	Number of cases pending.	Remarks.
1,364	1,005	359	A large number of cases that were published at the end of the period had to be settled after giving 15 days' notice under section 9 of the Land Acquisition Act. The rest were pending for absence of parties and reference to the Executive Engineer. Three hundred and twenty-nine of these have since been paid and 30 are pending. Of these 30, awards have been passed in ten cases and notices sent to parties to receive payment. Four cases have to be settled after the appearance of the parties to whom notices have been sent. Sixteen cases are pending replies from the Executive Engineer.

Resolution—No. 266, dated 9th December 1902.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The total number of sub-divisions that have been completed up to the end of the quarter was 24,727. The number of sub-divisions made during the quarter was 3,567, against 3,518 in the previous quarter. The bulk of the work, viz., 32,759 sub-divisions, still remains to be done. The Collector is requested to report the result of the reference made to the Assistant Superintendent, Revenue Survey, as regards the accuracy of the comparison instituted by the Special Deputy Collector between the outturn of work under his supervision and that under the direct charge of the former officer. The number of sub-divisions measured by the special establishment was 9,401 in the nine months ending 30th September 1902. This gives an outturn of 149 sub-divisions per surveyor per month, against a standard of about 450 prescribed for sub-division in the Settlement Department. The Collector is requested to call upon the Deputy Collector to submit a special report on the subject, and to state the number of offsets measured during the quarter, and the number of days during which the seven field surveyors were engaged in actual measurement.

3. The disbursements made under the Loans Acts show an increase of Rs. 11,449 as compared with the previous quarter.

4. The progress made in the disposal of applications for the acquisition of lands for laying out distributaries and field channels was satisfactory. The fourteen applications which were pending at the end of the quarter have since been disposed of.

5. The work in connection with the construction of cross roads was stopped with reference to G.O., No. 792 (Local and Municipal), dated 30th July 1902.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) V. K. RAMANUJA CHARI,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
„ Collector of Madura.
„ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Order—No. 60, Revenue, dated 24th January 1903.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement,
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